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SUBJECT: TEACHERS PLAN TO RENEW STRIKE

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 13892 DEC 13, 1973

B. PHNOM PENH 14387

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THK, FOLLOWING MEETINGS ON JAN 14-15, PHNOM PENH SECONDARY TEACHERS NOW PLAN TO RENEW THE STRIKE WHIUP THEY BEGAN DEC 12 (REFTEL A) AND WHICH THEY HAD CEASED TEMPORARILY FROM JAN 3-17 (REFTEL B). FURTHERMORE, PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS HAVE NOW APPARENTLY ALSO DECIDED TO JOIN THE STRIKE.

2. ACCORDING TO A NOTICE POSTED BY PRIMARY TEACHERS, THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE OF ACTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE: (A) RESUME STRIKE FROM JAN 17-26 AS A "WARNING" TO THE GOVERNMI T; (B) RETURN TO WORK ON JAN 27 UNTIL THE END OF THE MONGH; (C) FROM FEBRUARY ON, WORK ONLY 13 DAYS A MONTH UNTIL GOVERNMENT PEGYORXX KAASUTASUHHIORY. (AS DESCRIBED REFTTEL B, SECONDARY TEACHERS HAD PREVIOUSLY DECIDED TO WORK ONLY TEN DAYS A MONTH. THE ADDITIONAL THREE DAYS
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HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN ADDED TO SIGNAL "ACCEPTANCE" OF THE 3,000 RIEL

MONTHLY BONUS PROPOSED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY THE LON BORET GOVERNMENT); (D) SHOULD PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE, THE NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED WILL BE FURTHER REDUCED.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT THTNZENPPP RIEL INCREASE HAS NOT ASSUAGED TEACHER DISCONTENT. SHOULD GKR MEASURES TO CONTROL PRICES PROVE SUCCESSFUL (AND THERE ARE INITIAL INDICATIONS THEY THEY ARE HAVING SOME IMPACT), THE STRIKERS MAY RELENT. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO FACE A CONTINUING PROBLEM NOT ONLY WITH A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE SECONDARY TEACHERS BUT WITH AN AS YET UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PRIMARY TEACHERS AS WELL. WE WILL FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY.
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